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KEEP PRAYING

By Viola Bunker

The storm-clouds hover o'er us,
Our hearts are filled with fear;
Many are sad and weeping
For loved ones far and near.
But listen, heartsick pilgrim,
While on this earth we plod
Let every child of Jesus
Pray America back to God.

The war lords may be greedy
And seek to kill and maim,
But we must all remember
That God is just the same
As in the days of olden times
When all the martyrs trod
The narrow way to glory
With America for God.

So let us keep our faith in God
And never doubt or fear,
But rally all together
And shout the victory here.
Though some may think we're weak and poor
As patiently we plod,
We'll keep right on praying
America back to God.

"Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints," Eph. 6:18.

NOTICES
From the Field

I am open for evangelistic work. I am thirty-two years old, have my wife and one child. My wife does solo singing. Six years' experience.—A. C. Green, Sargent, Ga.

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My permanent mailing address for the Assembly year is Box 585, Monroe, La.—W. C. Byrd, overseer of Louisiana.

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Below are given the change of addresses of ministers and workers:

Rev. J. L. Harrison—Old: Carrollton, Ga., new: Box 322, Jesup, Ga.

H. D. Williams, 801 W. 18th St., Ada, Okla.

William Roberson, 222 N. 2nd St., West Helena, Ark.

W. G. Pearson, Old: Bashi, Ala., new: Rt. 3, Double Springs, Ala.

C. H. Gardner, Box 124, Selman City, Tex.

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If anyone can furnish me the address of Evangelist Alberta Wiggins, I will appreciate hearing from you.—Mrs. Belle Godwin, Frostproof, Fla.

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To the secretaries of Sunday school and Y. P. E. in the state of Kentucky: Please make your reports for the month of September to Rev. W. J. Milligan, 137 Cotter Ave., Somerset Ky., so he can turn them over to the new superintendent.—Rev. W. J. Milligan, state overseer of Kentucky.

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Sunday, Sept. 28, Radio Station WSGN, Birmingham, Ala., over which we have a daily broadcast from 4:00-4:30 p. m.; Sunday, 3:30-4:00 p. m., direct from the Pratt City Church of God, increased its power four times its kilocycles. It has formerly been operating on 1310 kc. and will now be 6100 kc. and will be found that number on your dial. Rev. C. T. Douglas who came into the Church of God some weeks ago is in charge of the program and is having good success in revival and radio work. We are proud of him.—A. M. Phillips, pastor, Pratt City, Ala.

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TENNESSEE PASTORS, PLEASE NOTICE!

Due to so many pastoral changes making it difficult for me to know just what your present address is, pastors, I have mailed out self-addressed return envelopes to your clerks for every department that your church is to report to, which are to be turned over to the proper ones. For fear that an oversight has been made and some of the churches have not received their supply, I am requesting that you please notify me at once if you haven't.

All evangelists will be supplied with envelopes. You who are doing evangelistic work and expect to continue will please give me a statement to this effect as well as your slate.—Respectfully, your overseer, J. D. Bright, 2519 Trunk St., Cleveland, Tenn.

BLAZING THE GOSPEL TRAIL
or
THE STORY OF MY LIFE

I wish to say to my many friends in the Church of God that they can get my book directly from the Publishing House. Brother Simmons has already advertized its sale. It will be impossible for me to handle the book fast enough to take care of the cost of publishing so I am leaving it up to him to keep it before you until this cost is taken care of. If you ministers will help me out just a little, I can have this done. If you will order ten or fifteen copies from the Publishing House, I am sure it would be no trouble for you to sell them in your church. I visited Fort Lauderdale church last Sunday week and sold forty copies. I would be glad to go around to all the churches and meet your people. I am sure I could sell several thousand copies, but this I will never be able to do. My condition will not permit it, so let me ask you to kindly assist me in this matter. It may be the last opportunity you will ever have to do me a favor.

Let me thank you now beforehand for your response to my appeal.—Sincerely, J. B. Ellis.

God Can Change Things Around

HATTIESBURG, Miss. — Dear readers, I am writing these few words as my heart is heavy and I need the people who know the worth of prayer to pray for an unspoken request. Now the Lord knows all about it and I am glad He does. He knows the future and He knows the past. I am glad of salvation above everything, and too, I am glad that I can serve a God who is able to move and change things around. I have just visited the state prison in Texas and I want to say to the children of God, if you have lost interest in people in trouble just make the Central Harlem State Farm in Texas a visit and I believe your heart will get soft and you will begin to pray for lost and wrecked men and boys. Now if anyone feels led to fast and pray for this request, we will appreciate it very much. I thank God for His power this afternoon.—Mrs. J. H. Womack, 704 Bernice Ave.

Strong in the Lord

RALEIGH, N. C.—I thank the Lord for this wonderful privilege which He has afforded me for victory deep down in my soul and for this good holiness way. There is nothing like it. Praise His name.

I thank and praise the Lord for our little church in Raleigh. It is small in number but strong in the Lord. Our quotas went over one hundred per cent, for which we thank the Lord. We feel that the Lord saw fit to send our same pastor, Brother A. J. Butler, back here for another year, for which we are grateful to the Lord. He has been such a blessing to us all. We also have the money to almost finish our church. Praise the Lord. Pray for us at Raleigh.—Mrs. W. F. Mann.

Healed of a Serious Bone Disease

COLUMBUS, Ga.—I thank the Lord for healing my little girl of a serious bone disease. The doctor said he would operate on her head and take a bone out. He didn't know whether she would live or not, but that was all he could do.

During that time Evangelist Florence Kinsley and her husband came to Columbus, Ga., to run a revival. She and Rev. J. L. McCoy prayed for my little girl and the Lord completely healed her.—Mrs. Inez Barnes.

Church of God On the Air

Atlantic City, N. J., Church of God over WFPG, 1450 Kc. Each Sunday afternoon from 2:00-2:30 o'clock. Carl J. Hughes, pastor.

Rolan and Ruth Dunn over WGAC, Augusta, Ga. Each Saturday at 6:45 a. m. Each Sunday from 8:30-9:00 a. m. Rev. Odis Smith, pastor, and Langley, S. C., Church of God on same station.

The Church of God of Illinois over WEDQ, Harrisburg, Ill. Each Saturday morning from 10:00-10:30. H. O. Harris, overseer of Illinois.

The Church of God at Valdosta, Ga., over station WGOV, Valdosta. Each Sunday afternoon from 3:30-4:00 o'clock, E.S.T. L. P. Shaw, pastor.

The Church of God at Pratt City, Ala., over station WSGN, Birmingham, 6100 Kc. Daily broadcast 4:00-4:30 p. m. Sunday broadcast 3:30-4:00 p. m. C. T. Douglas and A. M. Phillips in charge.

North and West Knoxville Churches of God, over station WNOX, Knoxville, Tenn., 990 on your dial. Each Saturday morning from 10:05-10:30. G. W. Hodges and J. D. Wilson, pastors.

Carmi, Ill., Church of God, over station WEBQ, Harrisburg, Ill. Each Friday morning from 10:00-10:30. J. L. Summers, pastor.

God-Approved Ministers

By J. H. Walker
General Overseer

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STUDY to shew thyself APPROVED UNTO GOD, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth," 2 Tim. 2:15.

Again we are talking about the qualifications of good leaders—the pastor, the leader of the Sunday school, the leader of the Y. P. E., the evangelist. All these are constantly in touch with the people. These qualifications are applicable to the state overseers, for they, too, are leaders; in fact, all ministers and active workers are leaders. In the last issue of the Evangel we discussed some qualities that a pastor and other leaders of people should have. The first was tact, then diplomacy, salesmanship, influence with fellowmen, self-control, and enthusiasm. When I think of all these qualities, I think of the writer of the book in which we find this wonderful text—Paul, the man who was qualified, giving instructions to his son in the faith, Timothy.

In this issue we hope to discuss with you other qualities of a good minister. The first one is *decisiveness*—the sharp tool of action—a characteristic which, I feel, is also very pronounced in the Apostle Paul. You remember when the Apostle Paul was seized by the mob at the temple (Acts 21:27), he was falsely accused of polluting the temple and he was about to be torn to pieces when the Roman soldiers ran in and rescued him. The people were crying, "Away with him," just as they had done with Jesus. Paul asked that he might speak, and the chief captain answered in surprise, "Canst thou speak Greek?" Of course, after he had spoken in Greek and secured attention, he then changed and began speaking in the Hebrew tongue, giving a history of his life and conversion. But when the mob had heard the story and became enraged again, the chief captain commanded him to be brought into the castle and to be examined by scourging, that he might know whereof they cried so against him. Notice how quickly the apostle made a decision! How adroitly he asked the centurion that stood by, "Is it lawful for you to scourge a man that is a Roman and uncondemned?" Later, when Paul was brought in before the council, he introduced the subject of the resurrection, thus throwing his congregation into consternation and division. This act, of course, revealed his tact as well as his ability to decide what to do in the time of emergency. Notice further that he planned his work in a noble manner and followed his plans carefully in every detail. His work proves that he had the great characteristic, as a leader, to decide matters. Do you make clean-cut decisions after considering facts? Are they followed through, or do you frequently change your plans?

The English have a word which describes the mental process of many people. It is *muzzy*, meaning the lack of decisiveness, physically slow and mentally dull. There are many degrees of muzziness. The simplest degree of it is too much for a leader of men. George Horace Lorimer, editor of the *Saturday Evening Post*, once wrote:

> "The man who can make up his mind quickly makes up other people's minds for them. Decision is a sharp knife and cuts clear and straight and lays bare the fat and the lean; indecision, a dull one, that hacks and tears and leaves ragged edges behind it."

Cultivating decision is not, however, a matter of acting on "snap" judgment. It is a matter of training the mind to focus on the problem or question at hand, to the exclusion of everything else until the facts in the case are laid out in an orderly picture, and then of promptly deciding on the basis of that picture and sticking to that decision.

The late John Wanamaker said:

> "Cultivating decision consists in cultivating the habit of anticipating what you will do under given circumstances, so as to qualify yourself to act decisively and powerfully at the right moment."

Another characteristic of a good minister, pastor, or other leader is that of *initiative*. Are you your own self-starter? Do you go ahead without being urged? Do you think for yourself? The minister or leader who must always be told what to do, always waits until the people almost run the matters over him, will certainly not make good as a minister. He may be all so wise and know many things; but remember that knowing, alone, what to do and how to do it will not accomplish anything. Action must drive ability always.

The writer of our text was a man of action. Before his conversion to Christ, while he was persecuting the Christians, he secured the letters he needed, employed his staff, and then went on his way to Damascus to arrest the Christians there. After receiving the sunstroke from Glory, he obeyed God, and God delivered. Later when he saw the vision of the man in Macedonia calling, "Come over and help us," he went immediately. All of his moves were made by the promptings of the Spirit within leading him. His first, second, and third missionary journeys he planned himself, because his heart was in his work, and he loved his converts like a mother loves her child. He was ready at any moment to rush to their rescue, to help them and encourage them. It has been said that so thoroughly did Napoleon realize the need of initiative that he once exclaimed impatiently, "It makes less difference what you do than that you do it!" The "do it" type of man is able to inspire those under him to do as he does. It takes initiative to develop this quality in others.

The pastor cannot hope for much success who, at the beginning of the Assembly year, gets up before his congregation and says, "They have put such heavy quotas on us, with our missions, and our aged ministers, and our orphanage, that I just don't know what we'll do. I certainly hope that we can somehow raise this money, but I just don't see how we can. The people are poor, and besides we need the money here at our own local church." Such a pastor is only defeating

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Editorially Speaking

A Strange Text

AT MANY different times we have seen articles commending the spirit of spiritual aggression, in which the writers used illustrations to show the stagnation of hobbyism, but one of the clearest little sermonettes recently called to our attention appears in the *Christian Advocate* of August 28, under the title "The Strangest Text I Ever Used." Scripture, "And Samuel went from year to year in circuit," 1 Sam. 7:16.

"Samuel was one of the first circuit riders, or more accurately, circle riders.

"This thing can be said of some people in every community. Capable men and women go about deciding the affairs of their neighbors, helping them, straightening them.

"But there is another aspect of this matter of riding a hobby-horse. Little people who do that keep going in a circle and it is the same with grown people. They go round and round, getting nowhere.

"Some people are forced by circumstances to go in a circle. Others circulate of their own choosing. Usually circle riding is voluntary.

"Some churches do the same thing. They keep going around and around. The only change is a change of preachers at regular intervals. As on a merry-go-round, those churches ride a dollar's worth and get off right where they started.—*H. I. Robinson.*"

It may be that such as is described in this short sermonette is true in many instances, but to see our picture is worth nothing to us unless there are corrective measures instituted so that our picture will not be the same in the future as in the past. God has set great things before us and they can be attained and will be attained if we, as the Apostle Paul, use for our text, "This one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before, I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus."

"SO GREAT SALVATION"

Hebrews 2:3, 4

Our salvation is "so great" because:

1. **God Planned It (Matt. 1:21).**
2. **Christ Purchased It (2 Pet. 2:1).**
3. **God's Word Describes It (Heb. 4:12).**
4. **Sinner Needs It (Rom. 3:23).**
5. **True Faith Appropriates It (Eph. 2:8).**
6. **The Holy Spirit Presents It (Titus 3:5).**
7. **The Devil Hates It (Eph. 6:11, 17, 18).**
8. **The Believer Possesses It (John 5:24).**

—Frank Bertram Miller, in Moody Monthly.

A Soul-Winning Number

THE *Moody Monthly* magazine is to be commended for putting out a special soul-winning number to try to stimulate the spirit of evangelism. Under the sub-topic "America's God-given Opportunity in Revival," the editor in his notes writes,

"Is there a theme of greater importance than this to keep before the minds of Christians in our land and our time? A Canadian newspaper quoted a preacher in Bournemouth, England, (without mentioning his name), as follows. Remember this is from a servant of God who is in a land which is now fighting for its very existence.

We have been a pleasure-loving people, dishonoring God's day, picnicking and bathing—
Now the seashores are barred; no picnics, no bathing.

We have preferred motor travel to churchgoing—
Now there is a shortage of motor fuel.

We have ignored the ringing of the church bells calling us to worship—
Now the bells cannot ring except to warn of invasion.

We have left the churches half empty when they should have been filled with worshipers—
Now they are in ruins.

We would not listen to the way of peace—
Now we are forced to listen to the way of war.

The money we would not give to the Lord's work—
Now is taken from us in taxes and higher prices.

The food for which we forgot to say thanks—
Now is unobtainable.

The service we refused to give to God—
Now is conscripted for the country.

Lives we refused to live under God's control—
Now are under the nation's control.

Nights we would not spend in "watching unto prayer"—
Now are spent in anxious air raid precautions.

The evils of modernism we would not fight—
Now—see what Germany, the seat of this teaching has produced!

"There is so much that the United States and Canada might learn from this preacher's thoughtful comments. We are no better than other nations. Why should God spare us? What can save us from the holocaust of war save revival? What better contribution can we make to world sanity and civilization's survival than revival? Of course a spiritual awakening is God-given, not man-made. But there must be a revival channel. This continent could bow before God in confession and penitence and could furnish God the kindling for a revival fire which might sweep around the world.

"This subject is so important we have designated it the theme of the coming Founder's Week Conference, February 2-8. We do not expect to work up a revival. A revival is sent down from God, but surely it will profit God's people to gather for the consideration of revival history and promise. At least one all-night prayer meeting will no doubt be part of the program."

Other articles in this soul-winning number are indicative of a great desire for revival outbursts that will cause America to awake and see her condition before her God. It is the prayer of this organ and those represented by it, that this revival spirit and prayer for heaven-sent evangelism will continue to increase until every real Christian movement in this country and in the

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The Jews

By Rev. S. W. Latimer

FOR upwards of 4,000 years, amid all civilizations and countries, and under all conditions of government, there has existed a distinct people, with laws, habits and customs distinctively their own. The history of the Jewish race reads like a story from the *Arabian Knights*, and is without parallel in human history. Though oppressed, downtrodden, carried captive to other lands, scattered among the nations, like the fabled Phoenix, they have risen from the ashes of their dispersions, and appear now and again upon the pages of history.

They are remarkable in the first place for their "antiquity." No nation can trace back its lineage by the clear light of reliable history so far as they. In comparison with the Jews the nations which are making the history of the world today are young.

The *"Golden Age"* of *Israel's glory* was long before the palmy days of Greece and Rome. Long before Socrates and Plato taught philosophy, or Herodotus wrote history; in the dim ages of which Homer's Iliad preserves traditions and memorials; before all other authentic and circumstantial records, the nation of Israel was an organized, civilized and well-established people.

They had a literature before most nations had letters, a literature that today, in the Scriptures, is more widely diffused than the literature of any other people.

Assyria has perished, Babylon is in heaps, Rome has tottered and fallen, Egypt has become a "base" kingdom, but the Jew has outlived all his conquerors and walks unscathed amid the general wreck. Dispersed for centuries among all nations, without a national center, capital, government, flag, or rallying point, secular or religious, he has never been absorbed by the nations, nor lost his identity or national peculiarities and characteristics, and we have the unique spectacle of a nation without a king, government, or land, retaining its national existence, and a land that seems to be under a curse, awaiting the return of its legal owners.

No nation has ever had such manifest and visible tokens of the Divine Presence. For them the Red Sea was driven back and the Jordan parted. They were miraculously fed in the wilderness, and divinely sheltered and guided by the pillar of cloud and fire. At the blowing of rams' horns the walls of a besieged city fell, and the sun and moon stayed in their courses that they might have time to slay their enemies. The angel of the Lord encamped about them, and one angel slew 185,000 of the army of Assyria for their deliverance.

No nation has given to the world such a number of great men. Such a man of faith as Abraham; such a great leader and lawgiver as Moses; such statesmen as Joseph in Egypt and Daniel in Babylon; such a king as David, and wise man as Solomon.

No nation has produced such seers as the Hebrew prophets, Isaiah, Jeremiah, Ezekiel and Daniel, and no such man as that man above all men, the MAN OF GALILEE.

In the first century there is no name that shines more resplendent than that of the Apostle Paul. And in modern days the men who have been, and are making history, are Jews.

The preservation of the Jewish people is the

MIRACLE OF HISTORY

When Frederick the Great asked the court preacher for an unanswerable proof, in one word, of the inspiration of the Bible, he replied—"The Jew, your Majesty." The emblem of the Jewish race is a

Bush Burning and Unconsumed

How are we to account for the wonderful preservation of the Jewish race? We can only account for it on the supposition that God had, and still has, some great work for them to do. We believe that God raises up individuals for special ministries. Why not a nation?

In the first place the Jewish race was raised up to reaffirm and teach that there is but one God. In the days of Abraham the nations of the earth were given over to universal idolatry, pantheism and polytheism. For 2,000 years (B. C. 1921 to A. D. 30) no other people but the Jews believed the "unity" of God, or taught it. The Jews have been the teachers of monotheism to the nations. No Gentile nation, untouched by Jewish influence, ever became monotheistic.

In the second place the Jewish race was raised up to be the *writers, preservers, and transmitters of the Holy Scriptures.* To them were committed the Oracles of God. Rom. 3:1, 2.

Every page and book in the Bible were written by Jews. The Jews took special care to preserve the Scriptures and keep them from being tampered with, and if it had not been for them they would have been lost long ago.

In the third place the Jewish race was raised up that God through them

might give the world a *Savior.* Who was Jesus? A Jew. How carefully His genealogy has been preserved in the Scriptures from Adam to His birth at Bethlehem.

When Jesus said,

"Salvation is of the Jews,"

John 4:22, did He simply mean that from them should come the Savior of the world—Jesus? Or did He mean when He said,

"Ye are the salt of the earth,"

that the Jewish race was to be the means of preverting the moral putrefaction of the world, and that if they became extinct as a nation, that God would destroy all mankind from off the earth, as He destroyed the antediluvians when Noah and his family were safely shut in the ark, or as He destroyed the "cities of the plain," Sodom and Gomorrah, when Lot had escaped from them?

A careful study of Peter's speech, as quoted by James, at the first Church council (Acts 15:13-18), and the words of Paul in his letter to the Romans (Rom. 11:1-5, 11, 12, 15, 16, 17, 23-27) clearly show that Christ meant the latter.

That is, the salvation of the nations, morally and physically, and the preservation of the human race on the earth depends on the

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Reports from the Field

Alabama Ministers in Session

Ministerial conferences may come and go, but in the years to come, when we search our minds for pleasant memories of ministers' meeting days, we shall surely remember our ministers' conference of 1941, when Rev. H. L. Chesser, our congenial moderator, was in charge.

Well, for the benefit of you who were not privileged to be there, I shall convey the good news. Tuesday morning when I entered the Church of God in Pratt City, Ala., there I found already assembled one of the greatest intellectual bodies I have had the privilege of meeting. I quietly sat in the rear of the building so as not to disturb, since the session had already begun, and, my good fellow man, had you been there you could have seen and heard a real ministerial conference in action.

When a measure was brought forth and introduced, it was discussed pro and con and settled in a way that only a Church of God ministerial conference could settle it.

From 4:00-4:30 p. m., by remote control, our service was broadcast over station WSGN in Birmingham, and not only we who were present were blessed, but the thousands in radio land heard the good news as Rev. A. H. Batts brought a timely message. The evening service was beyond human explaining. The singing—my, my, how souls were lifted to the heavens on high! Then a wonderful message to the ministers was delivered by the eloquent Rev. R. P. Johnson.

Wednesday morning, again a wonderful day of business was begun, and if the former was pleasant the latter was grand. Someone has said, "Pleasure before business," but we ministers in Alabama make business a pleasure.

At our afternoon broadcast Rev. C. E. Richard broadcasted the gospel in an old-fashioned way. My, how he did preach the Word, such Word that people hear when only a man like Rev. C. E. Richard preaches it. When you hear Brother Richard you'll sit up and perhaps say with the men of old, "We never heard it on this fashion." Again at the evening service, when Rev. R. P. Johnson graced the pulpit, we were honored with another of his messages. If the first was wonderful, we'll say this was glorious. Brother Johnson will go down in the Church of God history as one of its greatest patriots.

Thursday morning was the last day of business. Again we ministers fell in the traces like horses and began to pull for the good old Church of God program. Our honor roll qualifications were introduced and accepted, which you'll hear more about at our camp meeting.

Our business session came to a close about 1:00 p. m., but again we broadcasted at 4:00 p. m. from the church in Pratt City, and who could have brought a better, more timely message than our good friend, Rev. C. E. Richard.

Our evening service was heavenly. Brother Bixler, now pastor at Powderly, brought a wonderful evangelistic message. Well, when greater ministerial conferences are held, Alabama will hold them, as long as we will recognize the Father, Son, and the sweet Holy Ghost. —Thomas G. Evans, Ensley, Ala.

Ready to Go

ERWIN, Tenn.—I praise the Lord because I am still saved, sanctified, filled with the Holy Ghost and a member of the Church of God. I love the Church of God and get hungry to go oftener than I do. I hardly ever miss a service. The church is a great blessing to me. I don't see how some members can stay out of church. I praise the Lord for the church at Rock Creek. We have good members and a real good pastor and his family. We are looking forward for him to be back with us next year. I have been a member of the Church of God a little over three years. I love the church more and more each day of my life. I dearly love the teaching of the Church of God. I praise God that I can live up to the teaching every day of my life. I praise God that I am ready to go at any call. —Mrs. Turner Elliott, Rt. 1.

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Brought Safely Through Maneuvers

FORT BENNING, Ga.—I praise my blessed Savior for the way He has kept me for the last several months. He has been wonderful to me. His protecting hand has been with me and I am looking for His coming soon. My, won't there be some shouting and singing going on then! It will be the best sight-seeing

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Cartoogechaye, North Carolina, Church and a Sunday Attendance

Foreign Missions

Word From Haiti

Church of God Missions
Box A-2
Port Au Prince, Haiti
September 27, 1941

Rev. J. H. Walker, General Overseer
Church of God
Cleveland, Tennessee

Dear Brother Walker:

So far, I have been very busy trying to keep everything and everyone very calm about this situation. Some people seem to be of a very strong opinion that the churches will not be closed for a very long period of time, and that after five or six months, or sooner, as I can feel out the situation here, we might ask the president to allow our churches to be reopened.

I have been in constant contact with the American Legation, who have sent their report to Washington, as had been requested by the Department of Interior.

This past week, I made a complaint to the American Legation, that a justice of peace had ordered the name of our church and the Bible scriptures which had been printed on the outside of our mission at Petion-Ville, to be scratched out without asking my permission for this to be done whatever. I mentioned to the American consul that we are trying to cooperate in every way possible with the Haitian government and that we simply expect them to show ordinary courtesy to us as American owners of these properties. The consul is taking this matter up with the Department of Interior of the Haitian government.

So far ten of our converts have been arrested, simply for praying and singing in their homes. Eight have been sentenced to six months' imprisonment and each an $80.00 (American money) fine. The other two are supposed to have been tried, but I have not yet learned the disposition of the trial. In their case, a priest was passing by the home of one of our former native workers. The priest saw him reading his Bible just outside his home, and said, "What are you reading that for? Don't you know your churches are closed?" Brother Christophe replied, "Yes, our churches are all closed up, but my heart is still opened up toward heaven. I am reading God's Holy Word for comfort." The priest returned with a soldier and ordered the arrest of Christophe. But the soldier would not arrest him, as there was no evidence of breaking the law. The priest told him to hide until he heard them singing the Pentecostal songs. That night, before retiring for bed, Brother Christophe and Brother Weiner were praying in the house and singing. The soldier knocked at the door and said they were under arrest. They were brought before the local justice of peace, who asked, "Who brought the complaint?" The soldier said the priest had made the complaint. The priest, upon questioning, said, "No," he had no complaint. However, the two brothers in the Lord were sent to Cayes to be tried in the Correctional Court this week. I am writing for further news.

Keep praying for us. I have another report in more detail that I am preparing and will send it as soon as possible.

At the present Brother Favre is very sick with the grippe, but we expect he will be better soon. We have had a very heavy tropical storm recently. Most of its fury was spent out at sea, but should such another storm come sweeping over Haiti, there will be a terrible catastrophe.

We know the brothers and sisters in the States are praying for us without ceasing. And, we know the Lord is able to deliver, and will deliver at the proper time.—Your servant in Christ, John P. Kluzit.

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Appreciation Expressed

Kingston, Jamaica
August 7th, 1941

Rev. Bishop Walker
Sir:

Just a few lines to express the heartfelt appreciation of us, the well-wishers of the Church of God in Jamaica. I am constrained to state the approval of the work of Rev. Bishop J. B. Camp, the present overseer of the churches in Jamaica. I have found in him such qualities so befitting as to look up to him as the modern Moses of the Church of God in this part of the world. God moves in a mysterious way His wonders to perform. By saying that I mean the Holy Ghost has directed the selection of Bishop Camp to save the Church from destruction, just at the time he was most needed. If this gentleman, who possesses the qualifications of a true Christian and has given his life to the service of his fellow brethren, had not come to us at the opportune time, the Church of God under his predecessor would be a downtrodden thing of the past. You would be surprised to know how this noble son of God excels himself among the Christian workers in Jamaica, and has gained the greatest estimation of the Church, and he himself is a spiritual leader.

Dearly beloved in Christ, what constrains me to write this letter is to ask you for the progress of the work which is just starting to be getting on a sure footing, not to think of his removal in a hurry. We most need his presence than any other person. I must consciously say that never before had the Church been blessed with as good a leader as Bishop Camp. He is known through the length and breadth of this island as everybody's brother, from the richest to the poorest of men. Such man is a builder. As a servant of God, I too, although not a member of the Church, along with others, look up to him as a shepherd and teacher of all. In the churches, in the streets, anywhere he is administering to everyone he meets. So, by such excellent qualifications, raises the Church to such a high standard as the Church never found itself before. I am really sorry he had not been here before, for by this time the Church would be second to none in Jamaica.

Wishing you the guidance and keeping of the Holy Ghost, I am yours in Christ, Francis Jacobs, minister of the Independent Baptist.

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A Wonderful Service

Dear Evangel Readers, greetings in Jesus' precious name. I am wonderfully

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Praise and Thanksgiving

CHETOPA, Kans.—Dear Readers, I am a reader of the Evangel and like it, but it doesn't last long enough. I am eighty-eight years of age and am able to do all of my work. I enjoy it. I have the baptism of the Holy Ghost and am a believer in divine healing. I haven't taken any medicine for thirty years.

Pray for my daughter, Mrs. A. L. Lyon, she has asthma very bad. She is a member of the Church of God.—Mrs. A. C. Staley.

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STATESBORO, Ga.—I praise God for good, old time salvation, because I am still saved, sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost. I praise Him because He heals our bodies when we get sick. I sent in a request for prayer for me and my husband that we would receive the Holy Ghost so we both have Him in our lives now, and the Lord has called him to preach. I received lots of cards and letters and I know God heard and answered their prayers. Pray for us to stay humble.—Mrs. Geo. W. Martin, Box 123.

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Praise God for His Saving, Healing and Keeping Power

MANATEE, Fla.—I praise the Lord because He means so much to me, because I realize I am nothing but a complete failure without God's power and help. First, I praise Him for saving, sanctifying and baptizing me with the good Holy Ghost about twelve years ago. Thank the Lord for keeping me these many years and helping me to live a Christian life. I realize I can't sing like angels or preach like Paul did, as the song says. but I can tell the world He died for all. Bless His name.

I thank God for the faith He has given me to trust Him with my body. I have a Christian father and mother and when I was a small child they began trusting God for divine healing. I have been sick many times with various diseases but God has healed me every time without any medicine or remedy. Glory to God! I have been right down to death's door three or four times. My folks would think my time had come but God knows just when we need help.

I was staying in Pensacola, Fla., working and along the last of July my foot got sore. I didn't know what it was and still don't but I knew God could heal it just as easily as He could heal me of pneumonia, flu and other diseases He had healed me of. Different ones would ask me what was wrong with my foot, then they would want to know if I was using anything on it. I would tell them no. They would begin to tell me what would do it good if I would use it. One sister told me she had some tetterene salve that would do it good if I would use it, but thank God, I was determined to trust Him. For about four or five weeks I couldn't wear a shoe on it but thank God He has healed it and I can wear my shoe again. I give God all the praise.

Again, while I was visiting my sister who lives in West Florida in August I went to bed one night as usual, but between twelve and one o'clock I waked up and it seemed like the bed was just turning around and around. I lay there a few minutes and thought I would get better but instead of getting better I got worse, so I told my niece to call her mother and daddy to pray for me. They prayed and I got no relief but seemed to get worse, so my brother-in-law got some of the saints to pray and God wonderfully healed me of whatever it was. Praise His name. My brother-in-law said it looked like death was on me. The next morning I got up and went about like nothing had been wrong and it hasn't bothered me since.

Pray for me that I can live in a way that the unsaved world will know I have Jesus in my life, that I can be a blessing to someone. Pray for my unsaved sisters that they will be saved.—Nolie Parrish, 1824 7th Ave.

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GASTONIA, N. C.—I praise God from whom all blessings flow. He has been so good to me and answered my prayers many, many times. I praise Him for it. I have had the Holy Ghost over three years and I am a member of the Church of God and think it is the best thing this side of heaven.

After reading Sister Florence Shumaker's sermonette on the nine loaves I feel as though I need more of God so I can help the poor, lost, hungry souls.

I have two very special requests for prayer and am asking the Evangel readers to pray very much for them. The Lord is able.—Mrs. J. E. Grant, 218 N. Scruggs St.

SHELBURN, Ind.—I thank the Lord for hearing and answering prayer. When my son was away I sent letters to him but they were returned unopened. I prayed to the Lord that I would hear from him. He was not supposed to come home in November but it was only a few days until he was home. — Mrs. Florence Thompson.

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TUSCALOOSA, Ala. — For about twenty-eight years I have been serving my Lord, and though I have failed Him many times He has never once failed me.

We have a Church of God set in order in the city of Tuscaloosa with twenty-three members. Twenty-five were saved, eleven baptized in water, twenty-four sanctified and eight filled with the Holy Ghost in our revival. Rev. G. C. Spencer had charge. Brother Spencer is a good evangelist. He has done more good in Tuscaloosa than anyone who has ever come to this town. He has friends in all denominations and is loved by all who have met him. We are planning on building a church. Pray for us to have a home in the near future and a good man to pastor for us.—J. A. McAllister.

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Two of My Children Have Been Healed

SHINGLEON, Mich. — Just a few words to the good people who prayed for my healing, also the ones who sent anointed cloths and encouraging letters, I wish to report the healing of two of my children this last two weeks. God is so good to His children. Praise His holy name! I also thank the several ones who sent tracts and testimonies of their healing, which encouraged me much. Please pray for me and my family, also unsaved loved ones.—Mrs. Edith Livermore, Box 33.

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TYRONZA, Ark—I am glad God can heal His children when they come to Him. He has healed my body so many times. I praise God for His good and tender mercy to me and my family. I praise Him for Brother and Sister C. C. Rains, who have been a blessing to me. Pray that I will be an overcomer.—Mrs. Mattie Lee Selby.

Our souls can never be kept full of sunshine if our minds are kept full of gloom.

Delkograms

D. H. Delk

The Love of God

Golden text for October 12, John 3: 16, *"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life."* The word "for" means on the account of or for the sake of, because.

"God," the supreme divinity, magistrate, or the "very" God (the One that can sanctify wholly and take the fuss and cuss all out).

"So," in this way, after this manner, or on this fashion. How this little word of only two letters can reach from heaven to earth, also all around the universe, is a great mystery.

"Loved," was so fond of, or had such an affection for the world FROM HIS HEART.

"World," its inhabitants, the people of the world.

No lexicon can explain the love of God. We may consult every encyclopedia and dictionary, then there would be an OCEAN OF MYSTERY LEFT.

Eph. 3:18, 19, (Syriac), "That ye may be able to EXPLORE, with all the saints, what is the height and depth and length and breadth, and may know the GREATNESS OF THE MESSIAH'S LOVE."

I like the word "explore." It causes us to think there is no use to sit down and sit, with the idea that nothing else can be done. I believe great achievements can be made yet in the work of the Lord. If we cannot invent, let's improve that which is old. God forbid that our minds rust and stop.

Note the Nature of God's Love

It's holy, divine, and everlasting. It can't be bought. IT GIVES ITSELF. It is not natural, but supernatural, not inferior, but superior; not spasmodic, but perpetual.

His Love Is Perfect, NO FEAR IN IT

The reason our love is so uncertain, fickle, and shallow, IT'S OUR LOVE.

When God's love is shed abroad (the Greek implies, to pour forth or gush out, spill) in our hearts, personally I think there will be more than a thimble full.

Love me a little, and love me long. We have a choice to begin love, but not to end it.

THE OBJECT OF GOD'S LOVE

You and me, (LITTLE ME, PRAISE the Lord). Imagine the greatest of all things pointed toward the least of all things,—He gave Himself for us.

Some say God helps them that help themselves, but John 3:16 teaches us that God helps them that cannot help themselves. "God help the poor, for the rich can help themselves" (Scotch Pr.).

God is always at leisure to help his little ones. He also tempers the wind to the shorn lamb.

NO OTHER OBJECT

He came to seek and save the lost, (not on a pleasure trip) and gave His life as a ransom for whosoever believeth on Him (me, you, or anybody else). Up Golgotha's hill to Calvary was no pleasure trip. He resisted unto blood, striving against sin for us.

THE SINCERITY OF GOD'S LOVE

Have you ever seen little children playing, and hear one say to another, "You can have my doll, little dishes, other toys," etc., then all of a sudden you could hear these words, "I want my doll back, my dishes, toys," etc. Well, God's love is not spasmodic, feigned, or just a temporary affair,—"I have loved thee with an everlasting love."

I heard the old story of a preacher rebuking a member, saying, "You must never cherish enmity against your neighbor. You must forget the injury." The old darky answered, "I does forgit it, Preacher, but Ise got a bad memory, and I keeps forgettin dat Ise forgot it."

God's love is not absent-minded. LOVE AUTOMATICALLY REMEMBERS, "CHARITY NEVER FAILS." God's love has always met and always will meet every human need. I feel like it would pay every one of us to hide away somewhere from the rush and frets of this life. "Be still and know that I am God." There on bended knees, with bowed heads and honest hearts, MAKE SURE OUR LOVE HAS NOT WAXED COLD, THAT WE ARE NOT LOVERS OF OUR OWN SELVES. Count yourself your enemy, and yourself will be your friend.

"We should every night call ourselves to an account: What infirmity have I mastered today? What passion opposed? What temptation resisted? WHAT VIRTUE ACQUIRED? Our vices will abate of themselves, if they be brought every day to the shrift." (*Seneca*)

Someone said love is a quest; marriage, a conquest; divorce, an inquest. But God's love will never cause any divorces, unless it's a divorce from the devil and all his works.

We know we have passed from death unto life for this reason—we love (OTHERS) the brethren.

God forbid that we retrograde from life to death by the lack of love. IT'S POSSIBLE.

"The heart of him who truly loves is a paradise on earth; he has God in himself, FOR GOD IS LOVE." (*Lamennais*)

"Love is an image of God, and not a lifeless image, but the living essence of the divine nature which beams full of ALL GOODNESS." (*Luther*)

"LOVE IS OF GOD."

God Blesses Us

BAXTER, Tenn.—Praise God for saving, sanctifying and filling me with the Holy Ghost. My husband is saved, sanctified and tarrying for the Holy Ghost. Ghost.

We have prayer meeting Tuesday nights and Sunday school at 2:00 p. m. The Lord wonderfully blesses—though we don't have a building and have to have services at the home of one of the brothers. There are only seven of us here at Baxter and the devil fights us, but thank God, He blesses us. A good many saints come in and help us out. Pray that we will be able to get a church house. —Maie Lewis.

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Revival

CAMPAIGN, Tenn.—We thank the Lord for an old time revival just closed at Campaign. Truly this revival was God-sent. We gathered one Wednesday night for prayer meeting. There had been two songs sung and a prayer when God began to bless. An altar call was made. Several came weeping to the altar. Two received the Holy Ghost and two or three got reclaimed that night. There was little preaching besides that done by the Holy Ghost. The revival lasted three weeks and I think maybe five or six sermons were preached. Several had grown cold in their Christian life and they prayed through and are now shouting the victory. There were more hearts stirred at this place than have been in years. Plenty of conviction could be seen on many different faces every night. There were five saved, six sanctified, nine filled with the Holy Ghost, ten baptized in water, and five added to the church. All church members were revived.

This revival put a "go ye" in our young people. We have several with the victory in their souls ready to do their part for the Lord.

We also thank the Lord for our good pastor and his wife, Brother and Sister George Brazell. We feel that they have been a great blessing to our church and especially to our young people. Our prayer is, God bless them wherever they may go.—Miss Evelyn Mills, Rt. 1, Rock Island, Tenn.

Divine Healing

He Has Been My Healer for More Than 20 Years

MARKED TREE, Ark.—I praise the Lord for His goodness to us. He does so much for us and it seems we do so little for Him. When we are in trouble in both soul and body He will hear and answer prayer and give us a touch of His power in the blood and we are healed in both soul and body and can go on living for Him and enjoying His great blessings.

He has been my healer for more than twenty years. I have had the good Holy Ghost for almost sixteen years. I trusted in the Lord for my healing for over four years before I found Him sweet to my soul. He has been so good to me; He means more than all this world to me. I love the good old time Church of God way. It just suits me and I want to get deeper in the Word and His way every day of my life. The Lord surely is blessing the Church of God in Arkansas under the leadership of our good overseer and his coworkers. We have just closed a wonderful singing school. Brother S. Whitt Denson, of Forrest City, was in charge. Pray much for me as I need your prayers.—James Akins, Box 362.

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Instantly Healed of Goitre

HAMPTON, Va.—I praise God for His wonderful healing power. I have been suffering with an inward growing goitre of the throat for almost a year. It seemed at times I could hardly get my breath, but last night in a meeting at Hall's Chapel Sister Lawson prayed for me and I was instantly healed, also of an awful pain in my stomach. Praise His wonderful name.—Mrs. H. D. Lord, 515 Celey St.

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I Love Him Better Every Day

S. JACKSONVILLE, Fla.—I praise God for His love and mercy to me. I received the anointed cloth and that night I prayed earnestly to God to restore my hearing before I retired for the night. Then I laid down on my bed and put the anointed cloth on my ears and went to sleep. The next morning I could hear perfectly and had no buzzing or ringing noise in my ears. I am so glad Jesus is the same today as He was when He was on this earth. If we ask believing, we shall receive. Pray that I will ever be faithful and trust Him. I love Him better every day.—Mrs. M. L. Weathered, Rt. 6, Box 126-J.

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Interested in Working for the Lord

SPRINGVILLE, Ala. — Dear Evangel Readers, I am a young girl of seventeen and have the blessed Holy Ghost. Before I got the blessing, when I was about seven or eight years old, I had eczema on my head. We doctored it with medicine and tried most everything and it seemed to get worse all the time. We decided to have the people pray for me, so one night at prayer meeting they prayed for me and the Lord came down with His great healing power and healed me. I am still praising the Lord for it.

Last September He called me to preach the great Word of God and it seems that the devil has tried in every way to keep me from getting out in the work for the Lord, but I ask everyone to pray that the way will be made for me to launch out in the deep and win souls for Him because the harvest is truly white and the laborers are few. Please pray for me to be a true, humble soldier of the cross. I am expecting, by the help of the Lord, to get out soon and I would like for some good Christian girl who knows music to come and help me out if you feel the leadings of the Lord. May the Lord bless you who read this. — Miss Lutha Mae Muncy, Rt. 1.

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MT. CLEMON, Mich.—I praise the Lord because I am saved, sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost and have a mind to go all the way with the Lord. Pray that God may take me through. My husband is not saved so ask God to take me through. I had a severe test Friday but, thank God, He took me through. Pray for me.

My husband wants the saints to pray that God may give him a mind to give up the worldly things so he can be saved. He wants you to ask God to take the taste of cigarettes and strong drinks from him. The Lord is able to do it. He wants you to pray special prayers for him. He says be sure to call his name, Willie Hill, to God. Pray that God may send help.—Carrie Hill.

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MADISON, Fla.—I praise God for His wonderful blessing, for the way He blesses my soul. I praise Him for saving my soul, sanctifying and filling me with heaven's sweet Holy Ghost. I desire the prayers of all saints of God that I will hold out faithfully to the end. I also praise the Lord for His healing power. My little boy was sick the other day with a high fever but I called to my blessed Savior and He came on the scene and healed him. I give my Savior all the praise. Pray that I will have a Christian home soon. — Hattie Mae Mathis, Rt. A.

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ANNISTON, Ala.—I praise God for His wonderful healing power. I suffered for seven years with a bad stomach trouble. At times I could hardly go. Last night at Hall's Chapel church Sister Lawson prayed for me and put an anointed cloth on me and God healed me. I praise God for it this morning.—Pauline Bryant, Rt. 1.

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LAKE PARK, Ga.—I thank God for His healing power. Sometime ago my father took very sick and it seemed at times he was almost gone, but God would touch his body and give him a little ease. He suffered so much but he trusted God through it all and I am so glad that he is able to be up some now. Many folks know papa very well; he is J. W. Culpepper, former state overseer of South Carolina and Georgia.

Last week I was having toothache and God also healed that. Remember me in your prayers.—Esther Blair.

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Wonderfully Blessed During Severe Illness

CALHOUN, Ga. — Dear Readers, I take this great opportunity to praise the Lord for His goodness to me. If it had not been for Him I am sure I would not be here. I have been suffering with typhoid fever for the past seventy days and I thank the Lord, even though I was very ill, for the many blessings I received since I have been afflicted. He wonderfully saved my soul and, praise God, He put a determination in my heart to go all the way. Now I am able to sit up and I am still trusting this great Savior who gave His life for us.

Pray for me that I will ever stay in the center of His will.—Miss Verdell Frix, Rt. 2.

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Baby Healed Through Prayer

PRINCETON, N. C. — I praise the Lord for healing my baby's body. My baby took sick on Sunday, June 29, with a fever and lots of cold. I had heard of how God had healed in answer to the prayers of Mrs. Brady S. Hinton, so I sent after Sister Hinton and the Lord healed him. Pray for me to receive the Holy Ghost.—Mrs. Clarence Rowe.

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FORREST CITY, Ark.—I praise the Lord for what He means to me. He is all in all to me. I praise Him because I am saved from sin, and the sweet Holy Ghost abides in my soul just now. I praise the Lord for healing my little boy's leg. He couldn't walk. I promised the Lord if He would heal him I would testify to it. He went to school the next day. Praise the Lord, He has healed us many times.—Mrs. Bertha Frost.

Requests For Prayer

We receive many requests for the salvation of relatives, loved ones, and friends, also for urgent unspoken requests. There are so many of these requests it is impossible to publish them, but we ask that all take these to heart and earnestly pray that the Lord will answer prayer in their behalf.

Pray For

God to undertake for me.—One who loves the Church of God, Belmont, N. C.

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The healing of Mrs. Irene Ford's body and saving of her soul; her little girl who is in the hospital with infected eyes to be healed; her mother who is in a serious condition, to be healed. Their address is Mrs. Irene Ford, Rt. 2, Soddy, Tenn.—Mrs. Richard Chancey, Rt. 2, Soddy, Tenn.

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The Lord to heal my knee of something that bothers me when walking and working, my arm is also likewise affected sometimes; the healing of my mother-in-law who fell and broke her ankle; the healing of my sister-in-law who is in the hospital.—Elbert G. Cook, Dillon, S. C.

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The healing of a faithful Christian sister, Sister Tishie Oakes, 820 S. Plate St., Kokomo, Ind., who is in a very bad condition. She had heart failure which caused blood clot in her foot. The doctors took her foot and leg off from four inches below her knee and gangrene set in so they removed it four inches above her knee. Now they say her blood is clotted all over her body and their help is hopeless. Her husband was told to do the thing he knew and thought was best, so he, an unsaved man, said to request prayer. Her condition is very serious, only God can help. — Bill and Anna Thieke, Sharpsville, Ind.

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My mother to be completely healed.—Mrs. Ollie Cox, Holcomb, Miss.

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The healing of my body; my brother and sisters.—Sister Flora Vinson, Nolan, W. Va.

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God to heal me of some kind of spells and high blood pressure.—Robert Norris, Larkinsville, Ala.

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God to heal a woman who is in bad health; God to undertake for me; the healing of my face.—Vena Mitchell, Anna, Tex.

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The healing of my body of ulcerated stomach; my daughter to be healed of pellagra; my family.—Mrs. Georgia Wright, Box 54, Webster, Fla.

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The healing of my back.—Viola Windle, Rt. 3, Chetopa, Kans.

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The healing of my body; my son who is in the Army to be saved; my daughters.—Mrs. W. S. Kelly, Rt. 1, Middlesboro, Ky.

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God to undertake for us.—Mrs. W. M. Powers, Unicoi, Tenn.

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God to undertake for us.—Mrs. B. D. Clendenen, 233 Rankin St., Maryville, Tenn.

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The Lord to give me better health.—Esther Robertson, Rt. 1, Box 45, Great Falls, S. C.

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The healing of Winston Kelly, it seems he is going blind. His address is Winston Kelly, Gen. Del., Bainbridge, Ga.—H. M. Long, Gen. Del., Bainbridge, Ga.

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God to undertake for us.—A friend, Atlanta, Ga.

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The healing of my baby and me, the doctor says we have eczema.—Martha Brock, Crab Orchard, Ky.

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The healing of my two daughters, one has a bad skin disease, the other has been sick about three years. The one with the skin disease is also very nervous at times.—Mrs. Geo. C. Olson, Rt. 1, Box 256, Detroit Lakes, Minn.

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The healing of my sister of bad kidney trouble; my mother's eyes to be healed.—Mrs. Alph England.

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The healing of my body, I got hurt by a horse.—Dock Smith, Melrose, N. Mex.

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The healing of my husband, he hurt his back at work.—Mrs. P. C. Canup, Lakeland, Fla.

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The Lord to completely heal our little girl. She is three years old and cannot crawl, walk, talk or hardly sit alone without support. The doctors say the trouble is in her lower intestines, gas forms and causes severe cramping spells.—Mrs. C. M. Hendon, Rt. 1, Box 100, Townley, Ala.

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The healing of my sister, Mrs. G. M. Sumner, of head and side trouble; the healing of my body; the healing of Mrs. L. L. Bryant.—Miss Ruth Henderson, C. McMellon Homes, Apt. 31, Charleston, S. C.

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The healing of a friend of some kind of fits and that he will be saved. His address is Eddie Grace, Rt. 1, Vian, Okla. God to undertake for our children.—Mrs. Frank Burr, Rt. 2, Webbers Falls, Okla.

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The healing of my body, I am afflicted with rheumatism.—Stanley Miller, Ranlo Sta., Gastonia, N. C.

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The healing of my body; my husband and two children.—Zula Puett, Jonas Ridge, N. C.

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The healing of a sister who is in a very bad condition, she will have to have an operation unless the Lord undertakes.—Mrs. Velva Payne, Rt. 1, Box 28, Scarbro, W. Va.

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Sister Mattie Carter to be healed of a long standing disease.—Sister Dees, Kendall, Fla.

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My mother who is in the hospital, she has been in bad health over a year. Her address is Mrs. Lucy Glazier, Mississippi State Hospital, Whitfield, Miss.—Ethel Peeples, Rt. 1, Indianola, Miss.

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God to help me, undertake for me and remove and change this situation.—Mrs. W. H. S., Princeton, W. Va.

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The healing of my body, I have been in bed three weeks with a bruised ankle. Sometimes it hurts so bad I can hardly bear it.—Miss Madge Ranew, Rt. 3, Hazlehurst, Ga.

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The healing of my body, I am crippled and can't get about so much.—Mrs. Ernest Farley, Leaf, Miss.

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Me to be healed of a cancer on my face; my son.—Tennie Green, Rt. 3, Madisonville, Tenn.

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The healing of my child and me; my husband, mother, sisters and brothers.—Mrs. Kay Burrell, 90 Sloan St., Clinton, S. C.

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Me to be healed of rheumatism in my back and hip; my husband to be saved and healed of a large growth on his neck; my daughter, Mrs. J. H. Pasey, Rt.

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The Jews

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Preservation and continuance of the Jews as a RACE

The present degenerate condition of the world is owing to the fact that the Jews have lost their savor, as the salt its saltness, and until the Jews recover their savor degeneration will continue to develop until the time comes that the smell of decomposition of the decaying nationalities of the earth shall call for divine interposition and the salt be resavored by the conversion of the Jews, and the Jewish nation again take its place among the nations of the earth.

Let us as briefly as possible trace the history of this people.

1. *THEIR PAST*

In the morning time of history, in B. C. 1936, 412 years after the flood, God called Abraham, a Shemite, from Ur of the Chaldees, to be the father of a new nation.

"Now the Lord had said unto Abraham, Get thee out of thy country, and from thy kindred, and from thy father's house, unto a land that I will show thee; and I will make of thee a great nation, and I will bless thee, and make thy name great, and thou shalt be a blessing; and I will bless them that bless thee, and curse him that curseth thee, and in thee shall all families of the earth be blessed," Gen. 12:1-3.

Notice that this is not a conditional promise, and there is not a passage in the Bible anywhere that revokes it.

Abraham was sixty years old when he was called, but tarried at Haran for fifteen years until his father, who was an idolater died, when he started for the Land of Promise. God appeared to him ten times. These appearances were called "theophanies."

God's promises to Abraham were progressive. At Ur the promises were the "land," and that his seed should "become a great nation." Gen. 12:1, 2. At Shechem the promise was the "ownership of the land to his descendants," Gen. 12: 7; at Bethel, all the land "thou seest," Gen. 13:15, 16; at Mamre, that his seed should be for numbers as the "stars of the heavens," and that the "land" should extend from the River of Egypt to the River Euphrates, Gen. 15:5, 18, and at Moriah the promise as to the number of his seed was repeated, Gen. 22:16, 17.

These promises were unconditionally confirmed to his son, Isaac (Gen. 26:1-4), and to his grandson, Jacob, Gen. 28: 10-15.

When the descendants of Abraham had increased to about seventy, in fulfillment of a prophecy made by God to Abraham that his seed should be as strangers in another land, where they would be afflicted for 400 years (Gen. 15:13, 14); and to prevent contamination by intermarriages, and to give them time to grow into a nation, God paved the way for their leaving Canaan, by sending Joseph down into Egypt to make provision for them when the famine He was going to send would fall on the land. There they were segregated in the land of Goshen.

The next great event in their history was the Exodus. When the time for their deliverance from Egypt came, God weaned them by increasing the hardness of their lot, and when they cried to God He sent Moses to deliver them. Within a year after their escape from Egypt the Law was given, the Tabernacle built, a sacrificial system of worship inaugurated and the Jewish Commonwealth set up. But when at the end of the year they reached Kadesh-Barnea and refused to go up and take possession of the land, God punished them by compelling them to wander for forty years in the wilderness where they were miraculously clothed and fed, and were divinely guided by the pillar of cloud and fire.

At the end of the forty years, under the leadership of Joshua, they crossed the Jordan and entered the Promised Land and took possession of it.

Then began the third period of their history, the "Times of the Judges," which lasted about 450 years. The government was a theocracy, administered at first through leaders, and then by judges. The people, however, were not satisfied with being ruled by an invisible King, they wanted a king like the other nations around them had, so they went to Samuel the prophet and asked him for a king. Samuel was displeased and felt it was aimed at his administration, but when he took the matter to God, God said—

"Hearken unto the voice of the people . . . for they have not rejected thee, but they have rejected me." 1 Sam. 8:7.

Samuel then warned the people of what the king they would choose would do to them, but the warning did not avail and Saul was chosen. This was the beginning of the fourth period of their history.

Saul reigned for forty years and was succeeded by David, a man of God's choice, who also reigned forty years, and was succeeded by his son Solomon, who in turn reigned forty years. During the reign of Solomon the first temple was built. His reign was most glorious, but its weak feature was that he married so many heathen wives, and permitted them to introduce at Jerusalem idolatrous worship. This was the beginning of the downfall of the Jewish nation.

After the death of Solomon, B. C. 975, the kingdom was divided, his son Rehoboam retaining possession of two tribes, Judah and Benjamin, and with them Jerusalem and the temple; and Jeroboam, a usurper, as ruler over the remaining ten tribes, set up his capital at Samaria. This division of the kingdom, known as Israel, rapidly declined, and in B. C. 721 the Ten Tribes were carried captive to Assyria. The Two Tribes, known as Judah, survived over 100 years longer, but in B. C. 606 they were carried in captivity to Babylon, and Jerusalem was destroyed by Nebuchadnezzar in B. C. 587. Thus ended a period of deadly tribal wars which was made illustrious by the ministry of a noble succession of great prophets.

With the captivity of Judah and the destruction of Jerusalem, began that long period which still continues, known in the Scriptures as THE TIMES OF THE GENTILES, and which is so fully outlined and described in the Book of Daniel.

The fifth period of Jewish history began in B. C. 536, when the seventy years of the captivity ended, as prophesied (Jer. 25:11); and some 40,000 of those of the captivity returned to Jerusalem to rebuild the city and the temple. The temple was not finished and dedicated until twenty years later, and the walls of the city were not rebuilt until seventy years more had passed by, B. C. 445.

But while the Jews were permitted to return to their own land, they never again secured supremacy. They remained subject to the different conquerors of their land, though for the most part governed by rulers of their own race, in fulfillment of the prophecy that the sceptre should not depart from Judah until Shiloh came.

In B. C. 168 Antiochus Epiphanes, king of Syria, wrested Palestine from Egypt, twice took and sacked Jerusalem, desecrated and closed the temple, and cruelly persecuted the Jews, until they became so incensed as to rise in rebellion under the leadership of the Macabees. This rebellion lasted from B. C. 166 to B. C. 40.

In B. C. 63 Judea became subject to Rome, and during the next sixty years the Roman Empire tightened its grip on the Holy Land. About this time, B. C. 5, many of the students of prophecy, knowing that the time set for the coming of "Messiah the Prince" by Daniel the prophet (Dan. 9:25) was not far distant, frequented the temple waiting for the consolation of Israel. Luke 2:25, 26.

In December of that year Jesus was born at Bethlehem, was visited by the shepherds, acknowledged a few weeks later in the temple by Simeon and Anna, the wise men from the East did Him homage, He was taken to Egypt, and returned to Nazareth where He spent His

youth and young manhood, and at thirty years of age appeared at the Jordan, was baptized of John and entered upon His public ministry.

But His claim of being the Messiah was rejected by His own people. They joined hands with the Gentiles in crucifying the Lord of Glory, and in A. D. 70 the Roman armies came, Jerusalem and the temple were destroyed by Titus and the Jews were scattered among the nations of the earth.

2. *THEIR PRESENT*

With the crucifixion of Christ the sorrows of the Jewish race began. Their cry—"His blood be on us and on our children" (Matt. 27:25)—has been literally fulfilled.

In A. D. 50, 30,000 were killed in Jerusalem in a tumult with the Romans, but their worst sufferings commenced in A. D. 66 under Gessius Florus, the Roman governor of Judea. His oppressions led to a widespread revolt. Nero sent Vespasian, accompanied by his son Titus, with an army of 60,000. He was met in upper Galilee by Josephus, a famous general of the Asmonean race, and a noted historian, who entrenched himself at Jotapata, but was finally overpowered, after a siege of forty-seven days, with a loss of over 40,000 men. The subjugation of Galilee followed. Thousands perished in the war. Judea and Jerusalem were spared because Vespasian was called back to Rome by the death of Nero. When Vespasian was made king he sent his son Titus to complete the subjugation of the Holy Land and capture Jerusalem.

It was in April, A. D. 70, that the Roman army, numbering 100,000 men, marched against Jerusalem. The city was poorly prepared to stand a siege. Rival factions disputed among themselves for control. The city was surrounded by a triple wall, defended by ninety towers. The siege lasted four months. Great engines of elastic timbers, aided by the twisting of great cables hurled huge stones against the massive walls. Within the city famine reigned, wives snatched food from their husbands, children from their parents, mothers from babes, and some mothers, lost to all sense of motherhood, killed, cooked and ate their own children. Many fled from the city to meet a worse fate, for being captured by Titus, they were crucified as a warning outside the city walls. So horrible became the condition of the besieged that Titus called God to witness that he was not responsible.

At last, on August 5, A. D. 70, the tower Antonia was taken, the Romans swarmed into the temple enclosure, and though Titus had commanded his soldiers to spare the beautiful temple building, for it was looked upon, even by Rome, as one of the wonders of the world, yet a soldier threw a blazing torch through a doorway and in the conflagration that followed the temple of Herod was destroyed, leaving nothing but the rock upon which it stood.

Josephus says that over 1,000,000 perished in the siege, while 97,000 survived as captives, of whom the handsomest young men were taken to Rome to grace the triumph of the conqueror, and thus was fulfilled the prophecy of Daniel, that "the 'people' of the prince that shall come (Antichrist) shall destroy the city and the sanctuary." Dan. 9:26.

While the destruction of Jerusalem by Titus scattered the Jews far and wide, the end was not yet. Sixty-five years later, A. D. 135, the Jews had sufficiently recovered from that crushing blow to rise afresh in revolt against the Roman power. Hadrian then completed the work of dispersion. In a war lasting three and a half years he devastated Palestine, destroyed 580,000 persons, ran a ploughshare over Zion, thus fulfilling the prophecy of Micah 3:12 uttered 885 years before and forbade the Jews, on pain of death, even to approach Aelia Capitolina, the new Roman city which he erected on the site of Jerusalem. The Jews since that time have been few in Palestine.

In A. D. 362 the Emperor Julian the Apostate made an attempt to rebuild the walls of Jerusalem, thus to falsify the prediction of the Lord, but his workmen were driven off by fire that burst from the ruins.

The interval from Hadrian, A. D. 140, to Constantine saw the Jewish people in a measure prosperous and flourishing in the lands of their exile throughout the Roman world. They even took part in pagan persecutions of the early Church. But the conversion of Constantine to Christianity in A. D. 312, changed all this. The Jews then became a condemned and persecuted sect. They lost the imperial favor and privileges they had enjoyed, and were excluded from one sphere after another, though they were still free to observe their own religion and retained their rights as citizens.

Healed of T. B.

WARRENTON, N. C.—I thank the Lord because I'm saved, sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost. I thank Him for His wonderful healing power. I praise His name for healing me of T. B. Praise the Lord!

Brother C. E. Comer was conducting a revival here and I asked him to pray for me. He did and I was healed instantly. I thank God for a man of God like Brother Comer for I know God has full control of his life.

Saints, hold on to God and have faith. Remember Heb. 13:8, "Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and today, and for ever."

I am a young girl nineteen years old. Pray for me that I will hold on to God.—Dolly Gray Harrison, Box 224.

BEAUTIFUL TILE BLOCK, STUCCO CHURCH AT CANTON, GEORGIA

The pastor, W. A. Goss, and family are shown in front. Brother Goss sacrificed and worked untiringly on this building, assisted by the L. W. W. B. which helped in no small way. The auditorium is 36x60, with Sunday school rooms underneath (unfinished). Truly this pastor and church above have done well. The church is valued at $6,500.—John H. Ellis, clerk, Rt. 3, Canton, Ga.

God-Approved Ministers

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himself and making it impossible for him in the future to continue his ministry with success. On the other hand the pastor can expect success who comes before his people with the glory of God shining in his face and with victory in his soul, and announces, "We'll just raise our aged ministers' quota today—10 cents per member—and then that will be off!" Then he adds, "Next Sunday we will all bring our mission offering, and we will have an amount equal to at least $1 for each member, and we will just pay that off. Why worry about it all the year?" Thus, with his carefully planned outline he steps forward and takes action. The people immediately follow. They love to see a man take interest in his work.

Of all the qualities of good leadership, developing initiative is supposed to be the most difficult. Perhaps that accounts for the fact that initiative is so scarce; but in reality, developing initiativeness is only one of the simplest things in the world, if we know what the term means. Developing initiativeness is merely a matter of training yourself to start without being told or urged to action. I know that starting is often hard and slow. But why not snap out of it? There must be a beginning to everything that is ever accomplished. The beginning is soon over and is much like a belt on the pulley wheel. It may squeak and groan a little when it starts, but in a short time it settles down and begins to sing in its work. In this respect, belts are like men, like preachers, good ministers—unless good ministers start without even the squeaks and the groans.

I was greatly impressed with a report of one of our ministers from the rural district—a real country preacher! (God bless our country people. I love them. I suppose one reason is that I'm "just a country boy come to town" myself.) When this good country preacher went to the little church, no one there believed they could raise the quotas. They told him that there was no use trying. It had never been done and they just knew it couldn't be done. This faithful, *persistent* minister, however, had prayed that God would help him and, being a real Church of God preacher, he started without any squeaks. He came to the home of one of the members and asked for a donation on missions. He replied that he had no money, but the wide-awake preacher said, "Will you give me a hen?" "Sure, gladly," was the answer; and I believe he gave the minister two or three. The persistent preacher went on his way to the next neighbor and had similar success. On his return home the hens were squawking and when he went on to town and sold them, the hens continued to squawk; but the *persistent* preacher praised the Lord, and the glory of God filled his soul for he had finished raising his mission money.

Remember, if the good country preacher does not have so many squeaks and squawks at the beginning of his efforts, he will, before he will be defeated, have plenty of squawks—and not be embarrassed!

Mission Page

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glad to tell you what the Lord has done for us in Glen's View. On the 17th of August we had a wonderful baptismal service. The baptismal sermon was preached by Brother G. A. Thomas. The baptizing was done by our own dear pastor, Brother J. W. Thomas. Oh, he is just a humble man of God and we truly thank the Lord for him. About four hundred gathered at the river side. Twenty-one candidates were baptized. At 12:00 m. we had service and at 4:30 p. m. an entertainment. On the following night we had the Lord's supper and washing of the saints' feet. People were amazed. Twenty-one were added to the church.

We also had a wonderful revival from the 18th to the 2nd. Souls were wonderfully saved. Our church is surely improving.

Dear readers, we need your prayers. Please pray for Glen's View church, also our dear pastor, Rev. J. W. Thomas, and for those who are laboring among us.—Vera Bean, clerk, Mary Land P. O., Hanover, Jamaica, B. W. I.

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Still Working in the Island

Dear Evangel Readers, I am still running for my life and the Church of God in Turks Island is calling me to come. I have just received a letter from Brother J. T. Musgrove asking me to come in if I have to go back in the next boat. The sheep are straying from church to church. The record declares that in the last days perilous times will come and the devil is at work. We need your prayers. — A. W. Rigby, overseer of Turks Island.

Requests

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2, Oak Grove, La., to be healed of a weak heart and nervousness; my other daughter, Mrs. H. L. Crain, Rt. 2, Rayville, La., to be healed of sinus trouble.—Sister Cora Toney, Rt. 2, Oak Grove, La.

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The healing of my body. I took a cold while out in meeting and have had the flu and it seems I can't get over it. My throat stays sore. Pray for the healing of my body so I can get back in the work of the Lord.—Ethel Hill, 1322 Lincoln St., LaJunta, Colo.

Our thirteen-year-old son who is in the hospital in a serious condition with an infected kidney. They will remove the kidney if God doesn't undertake.—Brother W. L. Stephens, Gen. Del., Fresno, Calif.

—R—

God to undertake for my husband; the healing of my body.—A sister.

—R—

The healing of my afflicted body, I haven't been able to preach or work. I need encouragement.—Rev. W. T. Pearson, Rt. 1, Elgin, Tenn.

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The Lord to heal my body.—Mrs. R. C. Rushing, Box 391, Starkville, Miss.

—R—

God to undertake and help me.—Ruth Henderson, Charleston, S. C.

—R—

The healing of my baby of whooping cough, it is very sick.—Mrs. Carnie N. Hays, Rt. 1, Austin, Ind.

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My husband who has rheumatism very bad to be healed; my son in the U. S. Air Corps; my daughter, Mrs. James Edward Fritts, 131 W. Romona St., Pensacola, Fla.—Mrs. Charles Wood, 218 Deaton St., Hazard, Ky.

—R—

I am a widow with seven children. Pray that God will supply our needs and help us that I can send them to school and church. — Malida Nolan, Warbranch, Ky.

—R—

My daughter and stepdaughter to be healed, they have a bad hurting in their right side.—Viola Morris, Rt. 2, Gadsden, Ala.

—R—

My son who had his head injured to be saved and healed.—Mrs. Bruce, Slater, S. C.

—R—

My daughter, Mrs. Vadie Higgins, who is in the hospital at Cleveland, Miss., in a serious condition; our little granddaughter who is very sick to be healed.—Mrs. Willie J. Barrentine, Alligator, Miss.

—R—

God to heal my body of an affliction; my brother who is afflicted to be healed. —Roy Harold McDaniel, Rt. 3, Monroe, Ga.

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My brother who is very sick to be saved and healed; my mother who is sick with T. B. to be healed; the healing of my sister.—Mrs. Mae Dean.

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My mother to be healed of heart trouble; me and the boys in camp.—Pvt. C. E. Lazo, Jr., Bn. A, 265 CAC., Ft. Crockett, Galveston, Tex.

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My brother who is very low in the hospital and unsaved to be saved and healed; God to undertake for my husband and me.—Lettie Mae Overton, Lanett, Ala.

The healing of my body.—Lutha Mae Murray, Rt. 1, Springville, Ala.

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The healing of Sister Bessie Hensley, 1333 Estes St., Augusta, Ga., who is very ill and is trusting God.—Mrs. B. M. Durst, Augusta, Ga.

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The healing of my body; the Lord to heal my mother's body.—Mrs. W. A. Petty, 1302 Giddings St., Wichita Falls, Tex.

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The complete healing of my mother's body. Her address is Mrs. June Eaton, Pelham, Ga.—Mrs. Pansy Beasley, Gen. Del., Orlando, Fla.

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The healing of my body, head and neck of injuries caused from a car wreck. —Mrs. Deulen Ayres, Box 184, Tonkawa, Okla.

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The complete healing of my body, I have very weak nerves.—Florence E. Sturm, Box 5, Sale City, Ga.

REPORTS

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occasion the Christian people of this world have ever witnessed, but for the lost people it is going to be sad. Praise His name, the ones who have the Holy Ghost and live according to His Word will go up with Him and that is what counts. Let us pray that we will be in the first resurrection and take part in the marriage supper of the Lamb. I praise Him for being with me while out on maneuvers in Louisiana. I have received many letters from people who have read my testimonies in the Evangel, but have been unable to answer them personally, so I take this time to answer them all through the Evangel. May God bless them.—Pvt. Vardaman Dyson, A. S. N. 14023647, Battery (B) 20th F. A. Bn.

The Lord Is With Me

CARBON HILL, Ala.—I praise the Lord for sparing my life up until this time and praise Him for victory in my soul. On Aug. 5 a rock fell on me in the mines and left me with a broken collar bone, a fractured shoulder and some punctured ribs, but the Lord is with me because I am able to go to church already.

I want you who know the worth of prayer to pray for our church here at Carbon Hill. We have been having a hard battle with Satan, but thank the Lord we are still able to carry on business for the Lord.

I thank the Lord because we have a few true blue Church of God members who do not blow with every wind that blows. We put our church over the top at the state convention. We expect to be ready when Jesus comes or calls. Pray much for us.—Frank Pair, clerk.

CAN YOU NAME ME?

Evangelist Jessie Mae Rose,
Comfort, W. Va.

I never was guilty of wrong action but on my account lives have been lost, trains have been wrecked, ships have gone down at sea, cities have burned, battles have been lost and governments have failed.

I never struck a blow nor spoke an unkind word but because of me homes have been broken up, friends have grown cold, the laughter of children has ceased, wives have shed bitter tears, brothers and sisters have gone brokenhearted to their graves. I have intended no evil but because of me talents and geniuses have come to naught, courtesy and kindness have failed and the promise of success and happiness has yielded sorrow and disaster.

I have no color except black, no sound but just silence, no cause for being myself, no praying except grief and disaster. You may not on the instant call me by name but surely you are personally acquainted with me.

I am NEGLECT.

In addition to all of the above things I confess that I am causing you to refrain from activity in the most important thing in your life—the salvation of your precious soul.

The Lord Jesus Christ finished the work necessary for your salvation on Calvary's cross. Judgment was poured out upon Him. His precious blood was shed for many for the remission of sins. He has been raised from among the dead and is now seated on the right hand of the throne of the Majesty in the heavens.

You have heard the gospel messages over and over again, even now the Savior's invitation "Come unto me" is ringing in your ears. You never intend to be eternally lost. You expect to be saved some day and you entertain thoughts of being with and like the Savior for all eternity, but I am holding you back. I am preventing you from definitely deciding to receive the Lord Jesus Christ as your personal Savior. If I continue to do so until the messenger of death calls you it will be forever too late for you to be saved. You will perish.

It remains to be seen whether or not you are going to break the hold which I have upon you after hearing my honest confession and listening to my faithful warning. Are you going to remain negligent? There is one way by which I may be overcome, that is by immediate action. The power and opportunity are yours. Act now.

"How shall we escape if we neglect so great salvation: which at the first began to be spoken by the Lord and was confirmed unto us by them that heard him," Heb. 2:3. "Boast not what a day may bring forth," Prov. 27:1. "Behold now is the accepted time: behold now is the day of salvation," 2 Cor. 6:2. Choose you this day.

Healed by the Great Power of God

RED BAY, Ala.—Dear Evangel Readers, I praise God for His wonderful healing power. Sometime back I was sick and wrote to the Evangel for prayer. Brother Simmons sent me an anointed cloth and the prayer room had prayer for me and I was healed by the great power of God. We read in the Bible where many were healed, not going to be healed but WERE healed. If you are not enjoying the great power of God, you can. Please pray for us.—C. W. Kendall.

Blessed Our Home in So Many Ways

NASHVILLE, Ga.—I praise the Lord for what He has done for me. He is so real to me. Last night my baby was very sick. We kept praying for him and God came on the scene, touched his body and completely healed him. The Lord has blessed in our home in so many ways. He has healed my body when I was sick.—Mrs. Howard Boyetti.

Healed of Goitre

SHELBURN, Ind.—I praise the Lord through the great Church of God family paper for His goodness to me. I told the Lord if He would heal me of a goitre I would testify of it, and He did.

The Lord has healed in my home so many times, for which I thank Him. I am saved, sanctified, filled with the Holy Ghost and been a member of the Church of God at Shelburn for almost twenty years.

Please pray that I may always be a true servant of the Lord.—Mrs. Lena Reisner.

Revivals

VINE GROVE, Ky.—We have closed a ten nights' meeting with Rev. E. W. Carden, of East Louisville, Ky., doing the preaching. His old time, Holy Ghost preaching brought sinners to the altar. Two professed to get saved. The saints had a good time with the Lord. Please pray for this church; it seems the government may take our church for camp enlargement. — Pastor, George L. Cravens.

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A revival campaign which lasted four weeks recently closed in Norfolk, Va. Many were blessed and souls were saved.

We are now in the midst of a good revival here in Portsmouth, Va. Four have been saved and two filled with the Holy Ghost already. Please pray for us.—Russell Ford and wife, evangelists.

PRAISE AND THANKSGIVING—Continued

I Humbled Myself and Learned About God

BOAZ, Ala.—I feel impressed to send some thanksgiving and praise to God. He has been so good to me, blessed me so many times, proved His love to me and has been so merciful to me and family until I must praise Him for it.

God surely has led me through some dark and rough places of this life. I was reared by Missionary Baptist parents and was taught to live by the Missionary Baptist doctrine. When I reached the age of sixteen years I was gloriously saved one night in family worship. I can recall that very night right now and can see how God came down and kissed all my sins away, but I was young and did not understand how to resist the devil, so he soon overcame me and got me to turn back, but God so kindly and mercifully dealt with me and at times His Spirit would strive with me until I would cry out to Him to have mercy on me and He would take me back again into His fold. This went on for several years. I was not satisfied, my soul felt so empty. I had a longing and thirsting to learn more about God and His great love. I began to search His Word more and more with a prayerful heart and God showed me in His precious Word where I could be sanctified and then be baptized with the Holy Ghost with the evidence of speaking in other tongues as the Spirit gave the utterance. He showed me I would have to give up everything of this old sinful world, forsaking everything before I could receive these blessings. I got willing to give up everything, even my many friends and loved ones, and take up the cross to follow Jesus, and oh, how He has blessed me. It is joy unspeakable and full of glory to have His rich blessings and to know that we are one of His little ones. I am so thankful I humbled myself and learned something about God and His love and great power.

He is a God we all can really depend on at all times. When we get sick we can go to Him in Jesus' name and He will heal us. We used to spend most all our earnings on doctors and medicines and some of us were sick all the time, but since we found that God could heal as well as save us and keep us, we trust Him for His healing power. Now He is our doctor. Oh, if everybody could just learn about what God can do; He is able to do more for us than we are able to ask.

Some people seem to think that God is a small God and He won't do very much for us, but all God wants us to do is to humble ourselves, submit to Him and try Him and He can prove to us that He is great and able to do great things for us. I appreciate every true child of God. I thank God for Brother Eldridge Green and family. He has been our pastor two years. Brother Green has served us faithfully and has proved that he and wife are true servants of God. May God's richest blessings be upon them wherever they go. Pray for me and family; we surely need the prayers of everyone. Also pray for our church here.—Mrs. R. J. Reid, Darnell St.

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God Answered Prayer

I am reporting victory over a hurt I received in an automobile accident. I was hurt so badly in my back and shoulder that I couldn't lie down or get up, only as two would assist me. I called for Brother Drymon and the dear sisters of the Willing Workers Band to pray for me. They prayed and I was wonderfully healed. God is still healing. I can't thank Him enough for what He has done for me. He has healed me many times.

Another thing for which I am thankful is that He has saved everyone of my children. I started praying for them about twenty years ago and it was about fifteen years before the first one came to Jesus. In the past five years the four of them have found Jesus as their personal Savior and also their companions, except one. The last two prayed through during Rev. Lewis Willis' revival about two weeks ago.

Now, just a word to you mothers who have children still in sin, be encouraged and keep praying and holding your petition before God and He will surely answer your prayers. Though you may not live to see them answered, it shall be done sometime, somewhere. The last boy who was saved didn't average going to church four times a year, but God dealt with him at home and called him to service through a vision. Don't be discouraged about their not attending services, for God can compel them to come in. Don't let up on your prayers, but pray continually. Remember the Bible story about the widow's importunity in coming before the unjust judge. Those of you who read this article, please whisper a prayer to God to keep our family free from condemnation that we may be presented blameless before the Master in the day of judgment.—Mrs. T. W. Granger, 2911 Marsh Ave., Ft. Myers, Fla.

Editorially Speaking

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world will be overwhelmed by it, and result in a great outpouring of the blessed Holy Spirit which will be even greater than that of Pentecost.

New Parsonage and Church at Shepherds Fold, Covington, Louisiana

At the extreme right of picture of the Sunday school is the pastor, Brother O. L. McManous, and his wife. The four girls to their right raised the most money on the remodeling of the church.

The inset shows the modern six-room parsonage and the Sunday school class which won a contest by raising the largest sum of money on the erection of the parsonage. Total improvements on the property amounted to approximately $2,000 and church and parsonage are free of all indebtedness.

Brother and Sister McManous have worked faithfully and are loved and appreciated by the entire community.—Mrs. Alvin Bruhl, Lee Road, Covington, La.